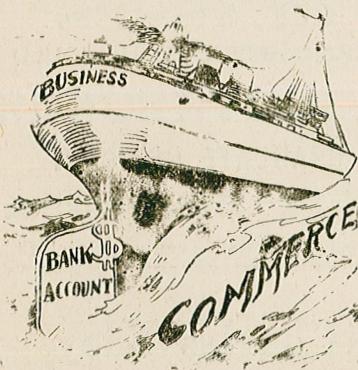


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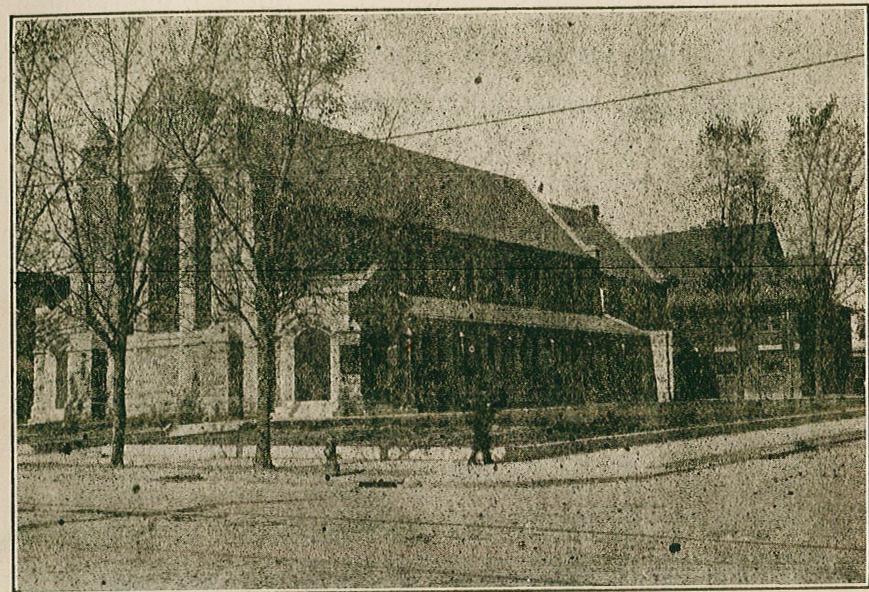
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CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop will visit St. Nathanael's to administer the Rite of Confirmation on Friday, January 20th, 1922, at 8 P. M.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

St. Nathanael's Will Celebrate Its Twenty-fifth Anniversary in February.

The first Sunday in February, 1896, a service was held and a Sunday School started in a small house, northeast corner of E and Clementine Streets. This was the beginning of St. Nathanael's Mission. Its existence became necessary in order to relieve the over-crowded condition of the Episcopal Hospital Mission. The services were in charge of the Rev. John Bagley, who was then in charge of the Episcopal Hos-

pital Mission, and were so successful that a second and third house were taken to accommodate those attending. In a few months' time the necessity for a parish building was absolute, and Mr. Bagley very wisely selected the present site, E Street and Allegheny Avenue, as the most desirable. Through the earnest effort and the usual zeal of the late Miss C. C. Biddle, \$6000 was collected; the lot was purchased and the work on the building begun. The corner-stone was laid and the building erected during the year 1897.

The hospital mission was very active in behalf of the new work. The chalice and paten were given by Miss Pechin's class; the cross by Miss Ellicott's class; the Bishop's chair by Miss Kelly's class; the green altar cloth, etc., were given by the Rev. Mr. Taylor, chaplain of the hospital. A splendid library was given by Miss Fisher; the east window by the Edward Y. Buchanan Bible Class, and the west window by the Infant School at the hospital.

The mission grew to such proportions that a clergyman, the Rev. Henry McCrea, was appointed to look after its welfare, who remained as minister in charge until 1900. During his incumbency the spirit of discontent and sedition grew, which so interfered with the work that Bishop Whitaker would not reappoint him.

This resulted in his withdrawal from our ministry, and most of those attending the mission, sympathizing with him, also left, and together they

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organized a Reformed Episcopal Church one square away. This action and the opposition it created made the work of establishing the church in this neighborhood harder than when it was a virgin field. The faithful few who remained loyal, while discouraged, had strong faith, and the best evidence that God was with them is the beautiful church edifice, which also stands as a monument of their devotion, sincerity, faithfulness and self-sacrifice. Much might be said about the struggles of that loyal band, but since we have so much cause for rejoicing we include in it our thanksgiving for having those in our midst in those dark days to whom the church stood for something.

The Rev. Mr. Weinman was appointed to take charge of the mission. He proved to be the man for the occasion. By his prudence and careful attention to his duties he encouraged those working with him and made friends in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, however, the task proved too great for him, and in less than eighteen months he succumbed to an illness from which he never fully recovered. Early in 1903 he was obliged to resign.

The 1st of March of the same year (1903) the present clergyman, the Rev. George R. Miller, took charge. During his incumbency a mortgage of \$3100 was paid, a piece of ground 97.6 by 48 was added to the original lot, the parish building moved and raised five feet, a handsome granite church built and a pavement laid around the whole property. The

corner-stone of the church was laid by Bishop Funston, of Idaho, October 19, 1908, and the church was consecrated, it being entirely free from debt, by Bishop Robinson, of Nevada, April 11, 1910.

The Holmesburg granite addition was made to the Parish Building in 1915. This provides a new room for the Primary School, a new Bible Class room, a reading room, a pool room and a bowling alley. A new iron fence has been placed around the church property. These two items have added \$15,000 to the value of the property.

Many handsome memorials were placed in the church. Among others we mention the following: A cross by Mrs. Catherine Fletcher, in memory of her husband; a book rest by Mrs. Harry Allen and Mrs. Margaret Powell, in memory of their father, Alexander Hetherington, a devoted churchman and tireless worker; altar service book by Miss Georgiana Flohr; a Bible by Mrs. Walters; vases by Mrs. Fletcher's Sunday School Class; sterling silver collection plates by the women of the mission, in memory of Katie, wife of Rev. George R. Miller; a sanctuary rail by Miss Annie Buchanan; altar and altar hangings from Grace Church, Mt. Airy; an organ from St. Martin's, Oak Lane; baptismal shell from Miss Hodge, Church of the Ascension; Prayer Book and Hymnal from church workers, in memory of Frances Miller, mother of the priest in charge.

The beautiful south window in the church was given by Miss Annie



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Buchanan, in memory of her father and mother, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Edward J. Buchanan. Dr. Buchanan was a prominent clergyman in this diocese for many years and was a brother of the late James Buchanan, fifteenth President of the United States.

Memorial windows have also been placed on the east side of the church to Mrs. Alice Smith by her husband; to Mr. and Mrs. John McCuen by their children, and two have been given by Mrs. M. J. Clark, in memory of her husband and son, William.

This brief sketch would be incomplete without mentioning Miss Annie Buchanan, who willingly gave up two flourishing Bible classes at the hospital mission to do a similar work at St. Nathanael's. To her more than to any other individual belongs the credit for St. Nathanael's success.

Mr. William Moore also left the hospital mission to take charge of

the new Sunday School and to act as lay reader.

Today we have a band of faithful, loyal, earnest workers that any church would be proud of.

Christmastide was, as is always the case, fittingly celebrated at St. Nathanael's. From the mid-night service of Christmas Eve until the annual Sunday School entertainment was ended, the spirit of Christmas seemed to permeate the atmosphere.

The midnight and morning services of Christmas Day were well attended, but the toys or possibly internal disorders, caused by candy, etc., seemed to hold the attention of Sunday School in the evening. There were not as many present as there usually are.

The features of the evening service were, the hearty singing of a few representatives of the infant department and an interesting account of Christmas, as it is celebrated by the

children of France, by Mr. William Powell.

The Wednesday after Christmas is the day set apart for the Sunday School entertainments, the Primary in the afternoon, the others in the evening. This year, judging from all that we heard and the little we saw the evening entertainment was far superior to any Christmas entertainments given here for several years. One piece concerning a lady by the name of "Aunt Sabrina," was very well done by several young ladies. We can't understand why the author chose such a miserable title for his delightful little play.

The festivities of the season ended with Miss Buchanan's moving picture entertainment on Thursday evening. Each year Miss Buchanan entertains the members of her various classes in such a manner. The show was well attended.

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

Memorials for January.

First Sunday—Mr. Sydney Smith.

First Sunday—Mrs. and Miss Hebdon.

The memorial flowers on the altar during the month of December were as follows: The first Sunday, Miss Margaret Simpson, in loving memory of her mother, Mrs. Simpson; Christmas Day, Dr. William M. Minah, for his wife, Mrs. Ruth Minah, and Mrs. Susie Glasier, in memory of her son and daughter, Edward and Florence.

There are four Sundays in January with no memorial flowers. If there is any one who would like a Sunday for a memorial or a birthday,

the members of the Altar Guild will be glad to hear from you.

ITEMS

The church is as beautifully dressed with laurel as ever.

St. Nathanael's will be 25 years old on the first Sunday of February.

Miss Buchanan spent Christmas at Lakewood, N. J.

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Balmer sustained a painful injury recently. She is now in the Episcopal Hospital.

Electricity has at last been installed in the old parish building. The work was done entirely by our own men.

The choir's monthly musical service is greatly appreciated by the congregation. Mr. Ernest Wood, the leader, is doing good work. He is anxious to have more good voices. If you can sing, come and see him any Friday evening or after one of the church services.

The Banjo and Mandolin Club is making splendid progress. Edwin Moore in particular is becoming quite an expert. We expect great things from this club in the near future.

Mr. Black, our old standby, has solved the gas problem at the church. We now can worship in comfort. We no longer consider the necessity of purchasing gas masks.

THE MOTHERS' MEETING

The usual Christmas festival for the Mothers' Meeting was held on January 29th. There was a good

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attendance, but Miss Buchanan would have been glad to have a larger number present from other parts of the congregation. The pictures shown were of a high order, and very beautiful and nothing on them to offend the good taste of any one, although we could not help sympathize with the poor man who never could make his train. The members of the meeting gave Miss Buchanan a most beautiful bunch of roses, which she prized very much.

ATTENTION!

Mr. C. V. Dealy, our former choir-master, will be one of the entertainers to appear in the next minstrel show. Mr. Dealy is a magician of rare skill and ability. During the war he traveled through France, entertaining the boys.

Magic is a hobby with Mr. Dealy; he is not a magician by profession, but he is well known among magicians. Just a short time ago he was chosen president of a band of magicians, which numbers Thurston and Houdini among its active members.

Mr. Dealy will appear on Tuesday, January 24th. Don't miss him.



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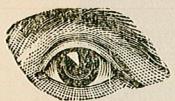
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Mr. William Scrivens, the bass soloist at St. Nathanael's for a number of years, was laid to rest on Saturday, February 24th. Services were held in the church, and the large number of friends who were gathered to pay their last respects attested to the high regard in which he was held. A number of the choir were present and led the procession up the aisle which he so often trod, and led in the singing of the hymns which he loved and so often sang. May he rest in peace.

The Rev. Norman Van P. Levis, D.D., dean of the North Philadelphia Convocation, will preach in St. Nathanael's Church Sunday evening, March 4th.

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The Rev. John R. McGrory, of St. Simeon's Church, will preach in St. Nathanael's Church Sunday evening, March 18th.

Special Lenten musical service Sunday evening, March 11th.

Herman Max Funk and Edith Ellen Miller were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Wednesday evening, February 21st.

Many of our young people crowded the home of Miss Grace Rennie Saturday evening, February 24th, and enjoyed an especially fine sauerkraut supper. Grace is very much interested in the Easter Offering, and this is one of the means she has adopted to make it as large as possible. The favorable comments we have heard since the supper make us feel that it would be possible for her to raise the whole sum herself. This would not be fair. We hope others will show the same interest she has.

Mr. Hamilton Aulenbach is now a student in the Philadelphia Divinity School.

We are sorry to say that Mr. William Powell is in a hospital in Tucson, Arizona.

We want \$2500.00 as an Easter offering. We need this for a new heating plant, next winter's coal and new doors. If there is any left we shall need it for painting and other repairs. This is not a large sum to raise if every one will get busy. It

will be a difficult sum to raise if we say, let some one else do it.

During Lent, Sunday services as usual; weekday services every Wednesday and Friday evenings. During Holy Week services every night except Saturday at 8 o'clock Maundy Thursday evening the choir will sing a cantata. Good Friday the services will be at 10.00 A. M. and 8.00 P. M.

Don't forget to give a small offering for the Easter flowers. Any member of the Altar Guild will be glad to receive contributions. If you don't know any give your contribution to the Rector.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A meeting of the members of St. Nathanael's Mission to organize as a parish was held in the Mission building on the evening of February 20th, Rev. Geo. R. Miller presiding. The following documents were read:

1. (a) Application for consent of Bishop and Standing Committee.
- (b) Consent of Standing Committee.
- (c) Consent of Bishop.
- (d) Call for meeting to organize parish.

2. Adopt the following resolution: "Resolved, That the following proposed charter of incorporation of St. Nathanael's Church, Philadelphia, be approved and adopted, and that until incorporation has been se-

cured it shall constitute the articles of association or constitution of this church."

3. Adopt the following resolution: "Resolved, We do now proceed to the nomination and election of twelve qualified persons to serve as Vestrymen for the ensuing year, and whose names and residences shall be inserted in the charter."

4. Adopt the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Vestry be authorized and directed to take at once such steps as many be necessary to secure the approval of the proposed charter of incorporation by the ecclesiastical authorities and by the proper court, and the admission of the parish into union with the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Pennsylvania."

Saturday, February 24, 1923—A meeting of the Committee was held in the Mission building on the evening of the above date to elect officers and to appoint committees, Rev. Geo. R. Miller presiding, who opened the meeting with prayer.

The names of the Vestrymen are as follows:

Mr. Allen
Mr. Roberts
Mr. Hamill
Mr. Moulson
Mr. Heatherington
Mr. Newton
Mr. Cameron
Mr. Moore
Mr. G. R. Miller, Jr.
Mr. S. Buckley
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Mr. Allen was elected Accounting Warden.

Mr. Newton was elected Secretary.

Property Committee—Mr. Newton, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Capewell.

Music Committee—Mr. G. R. Miller, Jr., Mr. E. J. Moore, Mr. E. Moulson.

Charter Committee (four elected)
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hope, if our friends are needing articles for summer wear, they will save up for us. Our money made in the sale, as usual, is for the Easter offering.

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

Memorials for March.

Third Sunday—Mr. Capewell.

Fourth Sunday—Miss Thelma Ruth Alexander.

The flowers on the altar through the month of February were:

Mrs. Howard and daughters, the first Sunday, in loving memory of husband and father, James W. Howard, and Mr. Charles H. Kent, for his wife, Harriet Roberts Kent.

Second Sunday—Mrs. Harry Allen, for her little son, Samuel A. Allen; Misses Hamill for their sister, Mrs. Edith Crawford, and Miss K. Wightman, also for her dear friend, Mrs. Edith Crawford.

Third Sunday—Mrs. Browning

and daughter, for husband and father, Mr. Browning.

Fourth Sunday—Miss Laura Kohlman, for her father, William Kohlman, and Mr. Rhoads, for his wife, Mrs. Susanna Rhoads.

THE CHOIR

We wish to thank all those who contributed towards making the musicale, given by the choir and Men's Glee Club, a success. We are pleased to announce a profit of \$85.00 towards the Organ Fund from this effort.

We are now rehearsing for the queen of seasons, Easter, and with regular attendance and practice we shall render the following music:
 "Crucifixion" Stainer
 "Christ Our Passover" Shilling
 "Sanctus" Gounod
 "Death Where is Thy Sting?" Turner

Communion Service Haynes
 "Te Deum" Havens

Owing to the postponement of the regular monthly musical service for March, "Olivet to Calvary" will be rendered on Sunday evening, March 18th. This will be a musical treat, and be sure you come and hear it.

A very creditable performance of "The Heiress Hunters" was given by the Dramatic Club on Shrove Tuesday evening. The cast was quite capable and showed the results of the excellent coaching they have been receiving for the past months. It would be folly for us to name any

member of the company as the individual star; every one handled their lines in such an admirable manner that we can say without blushing that it was the best play ever produced in St. Nathanael's.

Now that the Dramatic Club has established itself, it might be a good idea to appoint a staff of property men, etc. It would relieve the imagination considerably.

On what we may term the eve of our becoming an independent church and also a real, live, self-supporting organization, a few words at this time would be in order and also encouraging to the members of the church. We have been steering straight for a goal, namely, to have a good start and put our church on a good footing, and to meet our obligations promptly, as we have done up to this time, and the steering has been ably done by our Rector, Rev. Geo. R. Miller. Through all the shoals and breakers he has brought us to our goal, and there can be only praise for his able steering in putting us firmly on our feet. The Rev. Geo. R. Miller has been with us for twenty years, and you may know he has seen many trying times and difficulties during this time, and has always come back smiling. The present Church Committee, who have been working with Mr. Miller for some years, are going to be reinforced by new men to comprise a Vestry of twelve men, and if we can have the one thought in mind, name-

ly, the church first, and give our Mr. Miller the support he is entitled to and take some of the work from him, it will give him renewed energy and more inspiration to carry on the good work of the church.

(Signed) Edwin Moore,
 Ernest Moulson,
 Shem Buckley, Jr.
 Harry S. Allen,
 Robt. Rollinson,
 Oliver M. Roberts,
 Geo. H. Newton.

MY FATHER!

Who was it, when I cried all night,
 And mother lay, worn out and white,
 Who carried me till broad daylight?
 My father!

Who was it, when we all were ill,
 Mother or Mary, John or Will
 Who always paid the doctor's bill?
 My father!

Who, when he saw my best doll lie
 Broken, and minus one blue eye,
 Whispered, "There, little girl, don't cry?"
 My father!

Who was it we all ran to meet,
 With outstretched hands and toddling
 feet,
 As he came homeward up the street?
 My father!

Who was it, when arithmetic
 Distracted me and made me sick,
 That worked examples for me quick?
 My father!

Who punished us as we deserved
 When from the path of right we swerved,
 And Solomon's command observed?
 My father!

Who praised us, when we did our best,
 And let us snuggle on his breast

And find the candy in his vest?
 My father!

Who spanked me, as he did my brother,
 When I was impudent to mother,
 Saying I'd never get such another?
 My father!

Who went about with mother dear,
 When Merry Christmas time drew near,
 And paid for all the gifts and cheer?
 My father!

Who dressed himself in Santa's togs,
 And danced before the big Yule's logs,
 Forgetful of the rude world's joys?
 My father!

Who orders flour, and spuds, and meat,
 With shoes for little freezing feet,
 Sent over into Harder Street?
 My father!

Who went with us on Christmas night,
 Into the church, all gay with light,
 And helped unload the big tree bright?
 My father!

Who read the Bible every day,
 And taught us how to work and pray,
 And led us in the heavenly way?
 My father!

Who never drove us, with a rule,
 To classes in the Sunday School,
 But said, "Come on! Don't stop to
 fool!"
 My father!

Who was it, when I wanted clothes,
 Feathers, and furbelows and bows,
 Took out his purse and said, "Here
 goes!"
 My father!

Who was it sent us all to college,
 And helped us scale the hill of knowl-
 edge,
 Paying for work, but not for follies?
 My father!

Who was it, when I stayed out late,
 And lingered by the low front gate,

Who'd always with my mother wait?
My father!

Who was it laid aside his book,
When mother stroped her crochet
hook,
And met me with a questioning look?
My father!

Who was it, on my wedding-day,
That gave his only girl away,
And never begged of me to stay?
My father!

Who's loved me, all along the years,
Who's given me his smiles and tears,
And sacrificed, through hopes and fears?
My father!

And who sits here, with silver hair,
Beside my mother in her chair,
Sharing the honors, fair and square?
My father!

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